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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition for Waiver of E-rate Funding Year 2015 Form 471 Filing Deadline submitted on behalf of the Dakota Library, Eagle Butte, South Dakota (Entity # 16041936)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Dakota Library, located in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, respectfully requests the FCC to grant a waiver of the April 16th filing deadline for submitting Form 471 applications for funding for the upcoming E-rate funding year 2015. Specifically, the Library submitted Form 471 Application #1051838 on April 30, 2015.

Our Library is new to E-rate. To my knowledge, we have not previously applied for E-rate. We only recently learned about the E-rate funding opportunity and tried to quickly learn about this complex program and try to comply with the program deadlines.

While we filed our Form 470 application on March 19, 2015, with an allowable contract date of April 16, 2015, we did not know how to go about collecting all of the required information and preparing our Form 471 application by the April 16th deadline. After conferring with our State E-rate Coordinator we were able to prepare and submit our Form 471 application today, on April 30, 2015.

We intend to continue to learn about E-rate and will strive to meet all forthcoming deadlines. We hope that the FCC will recognize the importance of our Library's receipt of E-rate funding, as we serve a very impoverished community. The library is located in Dewey County, which is the 11th poorest county in the United States. The County is comprised of almost 75% Native Americans.¹ The library serves as a vital community Internet portal for the surrounding citizens.

We hope that you will agree that approving this waiver is in the public interest and consistent with prior year precedent. Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,

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¹ See <http://www.aaanativearts.com/mailbag-archive/1413-half-the-top-20-poorest-counties-in-america-are-included-in-indian-reservations.html#axzz3Yo7zPQqI>